

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 9, 17, 25 and 26 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicant's invention from the cited art.

The amendments to the claims were not presented earlier as it was believed that the previously presented claims would be found allowable. This Amendment does not add any additional claims. Moreover, the Examiner's familiarity with the subject matter of the present application will allow an appreciation of the significance of the amendments herein without undue expenditure of time and effort. Finally, the Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration or search. Accordingly, it is submitted that consideration and entry of the Amendment is appropriate.

All of the claims, i.e., Claims 1-26, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Goel '956. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicant's invention relates to a printing apparatus comprised of a generation unit for generating one page of a print image which is larger than one sheet of paper, and a printing unit for performing a printing on one sheet of paper based on one page of the print image, which is larger than the paper and generated by the generation unit. The generation unit, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper, performs a clipping process for each page to remove a portion according to a portion of each page which is not printed by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a

portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.

Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found on page 11, line 15, *et seq.*, of the specification. In accordance with Applicant's invention, a high performance printing apparatus can be provided.

The Goel publication relates to a process for assembling and formatting documents to be printed. The Office Action asserts that Goel includes, with respect to Claim 1, a generation unit for generating one page of a print image larger than one sheet paper, and a printing unit for performing printing on one sheet of paper.

In contrast to Applicant's claimed invention, however, Goel is not read to teach or suggest performing a clipping process for each page to remove a portion according to a portion of each page which is not printed by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated. It is acknowledged Goel discloses that a page can be clipped at slot edges to alter a scale of the page, but this fails to teach or suggest the clipping process set forth in Claim 1 of Applicant's invention.

The remaining independent claims, i.e., Claims 9, 17, 25 and 26, include the same clipping process as set forth in Claim 1. These claims are thus submitted to be patentable over Goel for at least the same reasons discussed above.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Thus, it is submitted that Applicant's invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 9, 17, 25 and 26 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18-24 set forth additional features of Applicant's invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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